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In re Patent Application of:

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For: METHODS FOR MAINTAINING OR
RESTORING TISSUE-APPROPRIATE
PHENOTYPE OF SOFT TISSUE CELLS

March 15, 2004

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 17, 2003

NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

An office action was issued December 17, 2003 in connection with the subject application. The office action provided a period of three months for filing a response. Therefore, a response is due March 17, 2004. Accordingly, this Amendment is being timely filed.